BIRTH CONTROL ISSUE SHOWS NEED FOR ALERT PRESS

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Baby Depression

By CHARLES A. TUCKER

"To talk of race suicide with 10,000,000 unemployed is ridiculous," so says the Arch-Priestess of the Birth Controllers, Mrs. Thomas N Hepburn.

"Births have decreased more than 20% during the last 10 years" so speaks Dr. O. E. Baker, Senior Agricultural Economist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Mrs. Hepburn as "one of our better people, you know" would give the privilege of having children to the privileged. But to the "underprivileged" as she so tenderly calls them, the door to Babyland is closed. "The maternal instinct is the strongest instinct of the race," she touchingly remarks but to the women "on relief" babies would be a burden on the taxpayers.

Race suicide? Ridiculous! Well, New England cemeteries are a mute testimony to the effectiveness of Birth Control. Names that once held their hand on the throttle of American life are now but chiselled inscriptions on scarred monuments, as extinct as the Dinosaur. Race suicide has marked its victims for extinction, and, strangely, effaced from the worldly scene the names of its most devoted zealots.

"The next few decades," says Dr Baker, "are years of grace for the American people. The people of the Nation must see clearly the cause and consequences of the declining birth rate and resolutely set about to prevent them." "In 1920, according to the Census, the number of children in the cities of over 100,000 population lacked about 22 percent of being sufficient to maintain the population of these cities permanently stationary."

A lecture under the roof of the Chamber of Commerce should have some interest to business men. A well-known Economic Service has stated that a 20% increase in purchasing power would put the nation back to work. Purchasing power is based on consumers. The children of today are the consumers of tomorrow.

In this connection Dr. Baker points out "By 1940 there will be about 200,000 fewer children 14 years of age than in 1935, and by 1950 fully 600,000 fewer." With this decline Mrs Hepburn wishes there were 250,000 birth control clinics instead of the 250 already established.

Dr. Baker continues by prophesying "Looking further into the future I am inclined to the view that declining population will tend to increase unemployment. Vacant houses, vacant store-room, idle factories, abandoned farms will tend to lower rents and interest returns and thereby temporarily lower the cost of living, but the lessened return to capital is likely to depress gradually the spirit of enterprise and may well lead to increasing dependence upon the government. The decreasing number of children probably will diminish the incentive of saving."

"Any economic system which prevents the reproduction of the race will pass away."

"No nation can suffer such a decrease in births to continue as that during the last decade and not suffer the decline in strength that accompanies a rapid aging of the population." And again Dr Baker: "The depression is in no small measure the consequence of moral failure. Unless there is a spiritual awakening of the American people they will lack the will to survive."

Clean wholesome Christian families with proud young mothers and fathers are facing the future courageously. They want no doddering advice from professional meddlers. They refuse to admit they are so essentially bestial that self-control can never be a factor of their lives and they must rely on the potency of mechanical or chemical aids to live a normal life. They disdain the implication that they have no right to have children because a warped economic order has blighted their financial outlook for the present.

They look on the faces of bright youngsters and hear the encouraging words of the one Master Whose opinion makes any difference at all in their lives "Suffer the little children to come unto Me for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Church Announces New Mass Schedule

The Rev Charles J Bruton, pastor of St Margaret Mary's Church, Rogers Parkway announces a new schedule of Sunday Masses as follows 7:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:00 and 11:00. This change goes into effect Sunday, Jan. 19.

Increasing attendance at St. Margaret Mary's Church has necessitated the additional Mass.

Andrew Wollensak, Optical Firm Head, Last Rites Held

Funeral services for Andrew Wollensak, 73, president and founder of the Wollensak Optical Co., who died Jan. 10, 1936, were conducted Jan. 13 at 2:30 o'clock from the home, 525 Avenue C, and at 10 o'clock at St Michael's Church.

Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rt Rev. Msgr John P. Shellhorn, assisted by the Rev George W Eckl as deacon and the Rev. Arthur F Florack as subdeacon.

Present in the sanctuary were the Rt. Rev. Msgr William M Hart, V. G., the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V Burns, and the Revs. Leo Hofschneider, Frank Hoefen, George Geinmann, Herbert L. Sturrer, Donald Lix and Edward Lynch, C SS R.

The bearers, all nephews were William and Joseph Heek, Charles and Andrew Trott, Andrew and Frank Wollensak.

The staff officers of the First Regiment, New York Knight of St. John, under command of Col. Frank Diehl, served as escort.

Members of St Anthony's Society, St Leo's Society, St Michael's Men's Association, and the Knights of St. George of St Michael's Church attended the services in a body.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, where the final blessing was pronounced by Monsignor Hart, assisted by Monsignor Shellhorn and Father Florack.

Corning K. of C. Will Hold Indoor Fair, February 12

Corning Plans to sponsor an indoor fair four days beginning February 12, were made at the regular meeting of Corning Council Knights of Columbus held Thursday, Jan 9.

It is expected that a large hall in the business section will be rented for the affair and booths and entertainment making up a miniature carnival prepared. Committees for the affair have not yet been appointed.

A presentation of the first degree was decided upon. It will be conferred upon a class of five candidates on Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at the Knights Home. The second degree will be conferred upon 25 candidates two weeks later.

The Council donated its room for a card party for the benefit of Nazareth College, Rochester, to be held Feb 3. The proceeds of the party will go to help finance the new college building.

St. Monica's Auxiliary To Hold Installation Dinner on January 20

St Monica's Auxiliary No. 134 Knights of St John will hold their installation dinner and install the new officers on Monday evening, Jan 20, at 6:30 p. m. at the Van Parks Tea Room, 116 Main St. East.

Mrs. Minnie Rossenbach, president, will be installed. Mrs. Josephine Cronan general chairman of the affair.

Entertainment and cards will follow the installation ceremony.

Reservations for the dinner must be made before Saturday noon to Mrs. Eva Dengler.

"At that time, Jesus said to his disciples: Beware of false prophets who come to you in the clothing of sheep, but inwardly they are ravening wolves by their fruits you shall know them." (Matt. VII, 15).

PLAN DRIVE FOR COURIER CIRCULATION

With the birth control issue blazing across the headlines interest is again focused on the vital need of a Catholic press in Rochester.

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February Catholic press month is only a fortnight away. Keep close watch of these columns.

ANNUNCIATION MISSIONS NEXT CARD PARTY JAN. 21

Friends of the Mission of the Annunciation are invited to a card party for the benefit of the mission at the Church Hall, Norton Street near North Goodman, on Friday evening, Jan. 17, beginning at 8:30 p. m.

Prizes will be awarded and refreshments served. Tickets are 25c. The Rev. George Weigand, pastor, is in charge.

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The public is invited to attend.

St. Francis Parish Will Sponsor New Series of Parties

A new series of card parties will begin on Tuesday evening, Jan. 21, in St Francis Xavier Parish Hall, Bay Street.

The prize for each table will be an attractive twenty piece luncheon set consisting of four plates, four cups, four saucers, four goblets and four sherbet.

Mr William Quinn and Mrs Teresa Hasenauer, who will act as host and hostess, will be assisted by the following committee: Mr and Mrs Martin Hugo, Miss Marie Grimm, Mr and Mrs Anthony Dann, Mr and Mrs Frank Geiger, Mr and Mrs P Gerlo, Mr and Mrs Bernard Hefner, Miss Mary and John Heimroger, Mr and Mrs Joseph Knittel, Mr and Mrs Lotte Kahn, Miss Geraldine Keenan, Miss Leona Luenlein, Miss Margaret Marty, Miss Nellie Rizzo, and Mr and Mrs Arthur Seger.

Tickets may be obtained from the committee, or at the door.

HEAD TO VISITOR NAMED

Montreal (NC News) It has been received from Rome that the Rev Georges Marin, S J has been named visitor of all the mission of the Society of Jesus in China.

Final Services Are Held For John K. Flaherty, Pioneer of Cathedral

The funeral of John K. Flaherty, son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Flaherty, outstanding pioneer member of the Cathedral parish, was conducted Wednesday, Jan. 15 at Holy Rosary Church. The Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Joseph M. McDonnell assisted by the Rev Walter A. Kemp and the Rev. John K. Wheaton.

His loss is mourned by one brother Joseph W Flaherty of Buffalo, three sisters, Sister M Lucina of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Mrs Anna MacNamara, Mrs Katherine M. McKenna, several nieces and nephews all of this city.

Bearers were Stephen O'Brien, Frederick Decker, Raymond Rigney, James F Reddy, Francis J Reddy and Edmond Rombaut.

Burial was in the family plot at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, where the final blessing was pronounced by Rev John Wheaton of Holy Rosary Church.

"And therefore the Lord slew him (Onan), because he did a detestable thing." (Genesis XXXVIII 10)

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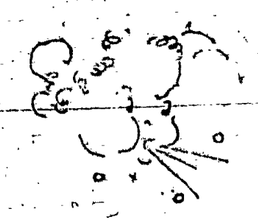

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